

A Note from the Pastor's Desk



CLOUD OF WITNESS

On August 6, 2006, I stepped into the storied pulpit of First United Methodist Church of Colorado Springs. I was deeply aware of the long, glorious history of this congregation. Sitting in the pews at the 11:00 service was Dr. Gerald Trigg. At the end of the service, rather than processing out to the back door to shake hands, I went to where Dr. Trigg was sitting next to his wheelchair because of his neuropathy, and thanked him for all that he had done for this church. I realized that on August 6, 2006, it was not "my" pulpit. That pulpit was Ben Lehmborg's, Larry Lacour's, Gerry Triggs, and countless others who had gone before me. I had to earn the right to make it my pulpit.

For 16 years I have tried to grow into the leader that this church deserves. From pulpit and classroom, from committee meetings and hospital rooms, and many other places where our lives have crossed, I have done my best to earn the right to lead. You have been most gracious and kind, supporting me and challenging me and loving me and my family. Looking back I do believe that I made the pulpit here "my" pulpit, a place where I offered the Word of God in my words and stories. I am proud of all that we have done in the past 16 years. I am proud of the staff that I was privileged to work with. I believe I have done my best, given my all to lead and nurture this church.

Thank you for taking a chance on an unknown minister from Wisconsin. There is nothing in my professional life that I am more proud of than being the pastor of this great church. The years we have been together have not been easy years in the church in our nation. Demographic changes, fewer people attending church, turmoil within our denomination, culture wars and political discourse that threatens to divide our nation...the headwinds are strong and many. But we have done what few churches can do, we have held together a wide, diverse group of people and have been a faithful witness to God's love in our broken world. That's the thing I am most proud of.

Now we both move into new seasons in our lives. I want you to know that I carry you with me in my heart, my mind, and in my prayers. Hebrews 12 talks about a "great cloud of witnesses." Carlyle Marney referred to them as his "balcony people." You are my "balcony people." I feel your presence, your encouragement, your love for me and my family as we start our new chapter. I hope you feel mine as well.

I will no longer be your pastor July 1. Your new pastoral staff will now lead into the uncertain future. Love them as you have loved me. I believe God will continue to do great things through you!

Peace, my friends,

CONTEMPLATIVE HIKE AT THE PAINT MINES

Saturday, June 4 | 9:00am-Noon | 29950 Paint Mine Rd. | todds@fumc-cs.org

Join Todd Spencer and Mike and Sarah Reeder for a morning of quiet, relaxed hiking and reflection in this special place of natural beauty. We will meet at The Paint Mines in Calhan at 9:00am and complete our time before noon. The hike will be between 2-3 miles. There is a slight elevation gain of about 100 feet. Please wear and bring sunscreen, sturdy walking shoes, sunglasses, a hat, snacks, and at least two bottles of water (no water available at the site). Please RSVP to Todd by Wednesday, June 1.

FUMC NEWNAN YOUTH CHOIR TOUR

Sunday, June 5 | 8:00am & 11:00am Services | Sanctuary | dougg@fumc-cs.org

The FUMC Youth Choir of Newnan, Georgia, will be leading worship on Sunday, June 5 at the 8:00am and 11:00am traditional services. This 23-member choir is comprised of individuals in grades 7-12. FUMC Newnan is located 30 miles southwest of Atlanta. The church's music ministry, under the leadership of David Kinrade, Minister of Music and Organist, and Bonnie Krider, Assistant Director of Music, includes nine choirs for people of all ages. The choir regularly sings for Sunday services and special events. You won't want to miss this special presentation!

EAT, PRAY, LIVE (FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN)

Thursday, June 9 | All day | Parry's Pizzeria | barbdonnegan@icloud.com

On June 9, head to any of the three Parry's Pizzeria locations in Colorado Springs (Interquest, S. Nevada, Barnes) from 11:00am until closing (closing times may vary) for dine-in or carry-out. Let your server know that you want to support Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)! FUMC will receive 20% of the total bill to help fund our MobilePack in August! In other exciting news, we would like to announce our 2022 MobilePack will be taking place at Bethel Lutheran. We have partnered with several churches and our original goal has always been to share the work. Watch for volunteer sign-ups to start soon through the FMSC website.

SUMMER MELODRAMA: "THE PONY EXPRESSO"

Friday, June 10 | 6:00pm | John Wesley Ranch | 21285 Highway 67
Saturday, June 11 | 12:00pm | John Wesley Ranch | 21285 Highway 67
Wednesday, June 15 | 6:30pm | Aspen Trail Retirement Resort
Saturday, June 18 | 2:30pm | Broadmoor Community Church

This hot melodrama is boiling over with puns and jokes galore! This show is free, and friendly for the whole family! For the two shows at John Wesley Ranch, a meal will be served for about an hour before the show starts. \$8.00 gets you a hamburger, chips, and a drink. For more information, contact Wayne at (719)964-3175.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN VIBES VS. BILLINGS MUSTANGS TICKETS

Thursday, June 30 | 6:30pm | 4385 Tutt Blvd. | zachw@fumc-cs.org

Let's go out to a ballgame! Families, lovers of the old pastime, youth...all are invited to join us at the Rocky Mountain Vibes Baseball game to watch their match against the Billings Mustangs at the UHealth Park Stadium. Tickets are \$7 each and can be purchased online at fumc-cs.org/youth. The last day to buy tickets is June 16. You may pick up your tickets at FUMC on Sundays, June 19 and 26, 8:00am - noon, or contact Zach to make other arrangements. Please note: this is only a ticket purchase; does not include parking.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

Youth Spiritual Formation would like to share that as of May 17, they have received approximately \$8,000 to support the youth ministry mission, education, and fellowship programs. Your continued support, which makes a huge impact, is very much appreciated!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "MONUMENTAL"

JULY 11 - 15 | FUMC DOWNTOWN | 2-1/2 YEARS - 6TH GRADE

Information and registration at fumc-cs.org/childrens-news
Questions or to volunteer, contact Marjorie at marjorieg@fumc-cs.org

YOUTH WORK WEEK

JULY 17 - 21 | JOHN WESLEY RANCH | CURRENT 7 - 12 GRADE

Information and registration at fumc-cs.org/youth-news
Questions or to volunteer, contact Zach at zachw@fumc-cs.org

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN ONE OF OUR TEAMS BELOW:

CARING MINISTRIES

As Christians we are called to serve and love. That is exactly what Caring Ministries does! Caring Ministries is the arm of FUMC which cares for our own people. Many compassionate volunteers help out by visiting church members in their homes, offering people the love and grace of God, listening with empathetic ears, and generally showing TLC to our FUMC folks. We strongly believe that through serving others you are serving God!

There are opportunities for you to serve! We have needs for people to serve in the following ways: Bus Driver, Visitor to Homebound People, Communion Server to Homebound People, Prayer Shawl Knitter, Visitor to Hospitalized Members, Flower Delivery Person, Grief Support/ Bereavement Minister, Phone Caller or Card Writer to FUMC members.

Thank you for reaching out and offering love and care to our people who may be lonely, hurting, or could use a gentle smile or comforting hug. YOU can make a huge difference in someone's life! Thank you for prayerfully considering becoming a part of Caring Ministries at FUMC!

THE GATE

The Gate gift shop is looking for two or three volunteers to operate the store on Sunday mornings. These fun volunteer opportunities can be divided into alternating shifts or alternating weeks. No experience necessary. Training will be provided. Please contact Cece Minnich at (719)332-0307 for more information.

JULY AT A GLANCE

July 11—15	VBS 2022 "Monumental"
July 17 - 23	Youth Work Week at John Wesley Ranch
July 20	Mindfulness Sunset Walk at Ute Valley Park
July 28-30	Camp T4G (Tweens for God) at John Wesley Ranch

GRIEF RESEARCH SURVEY

Now until June 30 | Dr. Rachel Weiskittle at rweiskit@uccs.edu

The UCCS Department of Psychology is seeking individuals to participate in a research study to identify the greatest areas of need for professional grief support in the Colorado Springs community. Participation in this study involves completing an online questionnaire that includes items on demographics, experiences related to loss, and perceived availability of bereavement support services in the community. The questionnaire's average completion time is 10 minutes. Individuals who complete this survey will be entered into a drawing to win one of five \$10 Amazon gift cards. Participants must be at least 18 years old and fluent in English. To participate in this study, please visit go.fumc-cs.org/griefsurvey. For more information, contact Dr. Weiskittle.

HEARTSTRINGS SERVICE UPDATE

After June 12, Heartstrings, 10:00am service, will be taking a break for the summer.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES. . .

FOOD COLLECTION MISSION PARTNER

Donation Boxes | Rev. Heather, heatherm@fumc-cs.org

Our food collection mission partner for June is Westside CARES, a volunteer-driven, interfaith organization that provides care and compassion to over 22,000 neighbors each year. Please provide only unopened and unexpired packages of nonperishable food items. Please no clothing or other such items. Donations may be dropped off at the church in the missions donation boxes found near the entrances. Thank you for your support!

THE DOWNTOWN FLEA AT CREATIONS @ THE EDGE

2nd Saturdays, Now through September 10 | 9:00am-1:00pm
324 N Nevada Ave | Rev. Heather, heatherm@fumcs-cs.org

The summer months are for outdoor community events. Join us on the second Saturday of the month to grab a cup of coffee and pick up handmade, upcycled, new and antique treasures from local makers and neighbors. If you would like to sell items, reserve your spot at the community events page of creationsattheedge.com. For more information or questions, contact Rev. Heather

RIDES FOR RUBBISH

Sunday, June 19 | 1:00pm | Marion House | 14 W Bijou St
Dave or Lorna at (719) 636-3277

Every third Sunday of the month, join us in walking with community members from the Marian House who are experiencing homelessness or are in need as we partner to clean up downtown. Please be a part of this powerful ministry. Contact Dave or Lorna for more information.



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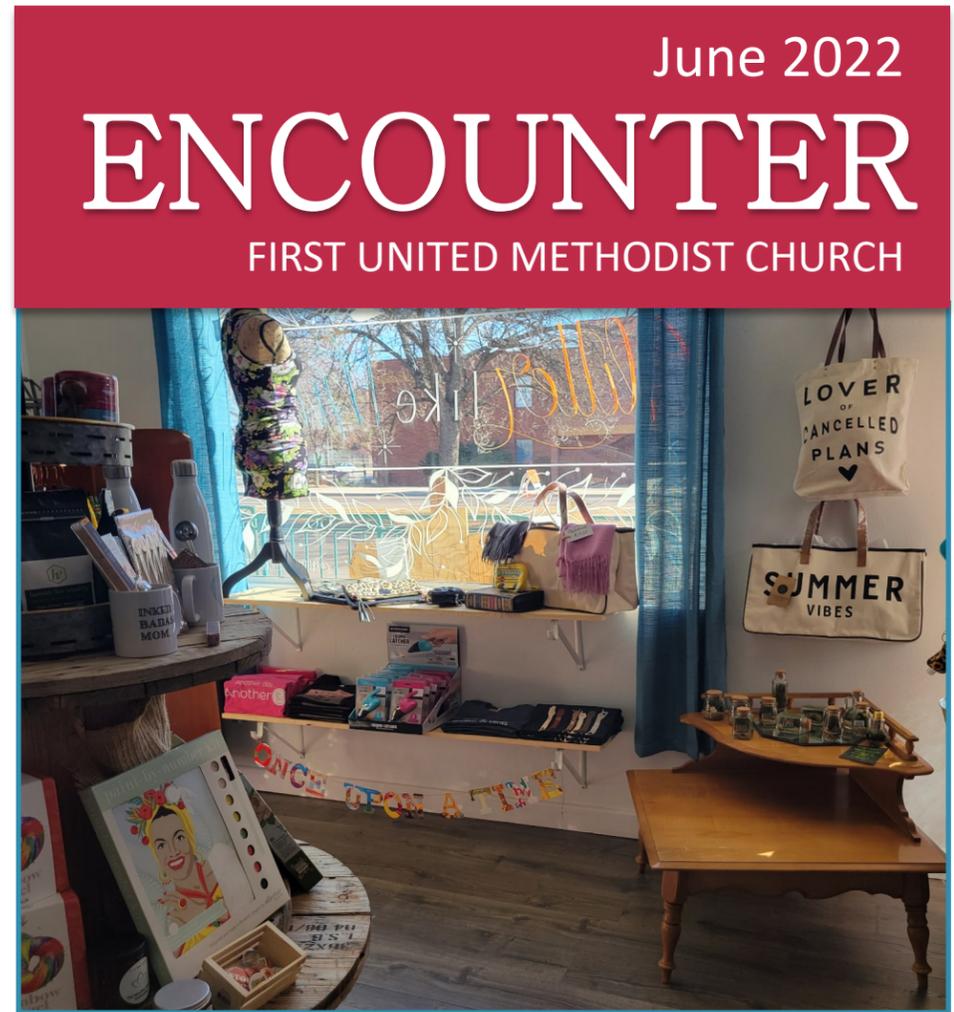
SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00am Informal Service | Chapel
8:00am Traditional Service | Sanctuary
9:00am Crossroads Contemporary Service | Sanctuary
11:00am Traditional Service | Sanctuary
*Live streaming available on the FUMC Facebook page, FUMC YouTube Page, and at fumc-cs.org/worship.
Live TV broadcast of the 11:00am Service is available on SOCO CW.*

PRAIRIE CAMPUS
9433 Vista Del Pico Blvd | Colorado Springs CO 80927
(719) 471-8522 | fumcprairie.org

SUNDAY SERVICE

10:00am
Live streaming available at 12:30pm on the Prairie Campus Facebook page, Prairie Campus YouTube Page, and at fumcprairie.org.



Creations @ The Edge

COMBINED UMC PENTECOST SERVICE

Sunday, June 5 | 5:00pm | Calvary United Methodist Church

United Methodist Churches in the Colorado Springs area will gather for a combined worship service Sunday, June 5 at 5:00pm at Calvary United Methodist Church, located at 4210 Austin Bluffs Parkway. (This is in addition to, not replacement for, regular Pentecost worship services). The gathering will include worship, a shared choir and guest musicians. There will be a potato bar and potluck, children's activities and childcare. There will also be an opportunity to give to the non-profit organization, We Fortify, and volunteer to serve in a local mission. We would love for you to join us! If you have further questions, please contact Rev. Tiffany at tiffanyk@fumc-cs.org.

CELEBRATION OF REV. KENT'S RETIREMENT

Wednesday, June 22 | 7:00pm | Sanctuary

Come celebrate the ministry and retirement of our beloved Rev. Kent Ingram! There will be music, tributes and some final thoughts from Kent about his ministry and FUMC. Join us for desserts and socializing in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the event. You are encouraged to bring with you a loving letter or card written to Kent upon this very special occasion.